

REMARKS

The amendments to the specification as indicated herein do not add any new matter to this application. The amendments to the Title and the Abstract are presented on separate pages in order to conform to the requirements of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Thus, the issue raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 18, 2004 is fully addressed herein, and therefore entry of the amendments is hereby respectfully requested.

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the Reply to Office Action mailed November 5, 2004 is now fully compliant.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

No extension of time is believed to be due in regards to this reply. If, however, such extension of time is due, to the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed the Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

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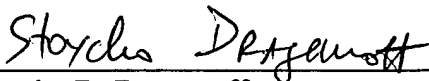
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If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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